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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12, 14-20, 22, 24, 25, 35-43, 45, 47 and 48.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jen Jenkins on June 17, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: **In the claims**

Claim 14, line 1; "13" has been changed to – 9 --;

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. After a further search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of the Applicant's arguments and in light of the prior art made of record, claims 9-12, 14-20, 22, 24-25, 35-43, 45, and 47-48 are found to be in condition for allowance.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The claims are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited reference taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose a system with a method for transcoding the video stream such that the bit rate of the video stream is reduced. The method comprising the steps of computing a matrix ratio between a new quantization matrix and a current quantization matrix of the video stream; or computing a scale ratio between a new quantization scale and a current quantization scale of the video stream; refraining from computing either the matrix ratio or the scale ratio; generating new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients using the new quantization level such that the new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients are more coarsely quantized than the original sets of quantized discrete cosine transform coefficients; and encoding the new discrete cosine transform coefficients, wherein fewer bits are needed to encode the new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients.

The closest prior art (Hanamura et al. US Patent no. 6587508)) discloses a similar coding method. However, Hanamura fails to particularly teach or suggest *“computing a matrix ratio between a new quantization matrix and a current quantization matrix of the video stream; or computing a scale ratio between a new quantization scale and a current quantization scale of the video stream; refraining from computing either the matrix ratio or the scale ratio; generating new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients using the new quantization level such that the new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients are more coarsely quantized than the original sets of quantized discrete cosine transform coefficients; and encoding the new discrete cosine transform*

*coefficients, wherein fewer bits are needed to encode the new sets of discrete cosine transform coefficients."* as claimed.

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gims S. Philippe whose telephone number is (571) 272-7336. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-7:00) Second Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S. Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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